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FROM: Brian Mattson, Reg. No. 35,018, Attorney for Applicant

Re: U.S. Serial No.: 09/510,087
 Inventor: Smith
 Attorney Docket No.: EVS-P-99-017
 Title: A MARKING DEVICE, A METHOD OF USING THE SAME AND AN
 ACCESSORY KIT FOR THE MARKING DEVICE"

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MESSAGE:

Pursuant to your suggestion, we are faxing you a copy of our response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2001 for the above-identified application. We mailed a response to the Office Action by Express Mail, Post Office to Addressee on October 26, 2001. We submit a copy of the following:

1. Continued Prosecution Application Request Transmittal
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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)
REQUEST TRANSMITTAL
 (Only for Continuation or Divisional Applications under 37 CFR 1.53(d))

DUPLICATE

Address to:	Attorney Docket No.	EVS-P-99-017
Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box CPA Washington, DC 20231	First Named Inventor	SMITH
	Examiner Name	WALCZAK
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This is a request for a X continuation or divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d).
 (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/510,087,
 filed on February 22, 2000, entitled "A MARKING DEVICE, A METHOD OF USING THE
 SAME AND AN ACCESSORY KIT FOR THE MARKING DEVICE"

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a non provisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 51042 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application in applications in the file jacket.

35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a).

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1. Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on September 21, 2001 under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior non-provisional application.
2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application. 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
 - a. DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application: _____
 - b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. A new Power of Attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
 - a. PTO-1449
 - b. Copies of IDS Citations

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ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS? ()YES (X)NO				
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6. Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
7. Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for a 3 MONTH extension of time so that the period for response is extended to OCTOBER 30, 2001. A check in the amount of \$ 265.00 to cover the extension fee is enclosed.
8. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application, or credit any overpayment to Account No.50-0595. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
9. A check in the amount of \$370.00 is enclosed.
10. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
11. Applicant request suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b) for a period of months (not to exceed 3 months) and the fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (i) is enclosed.
12. New Attorney Docket Number, if desired _____
[Prior application Attorney Docket Number will carryover to this CPA unless a new Attorney Docket Number has been provided herein.]
13.
 - a. Receipt For Facsimile Transmitted CPA (PTO/SB/29A)
 - b. Return Receipt Postcard (Should be specifically itemized. See MPEP 503)

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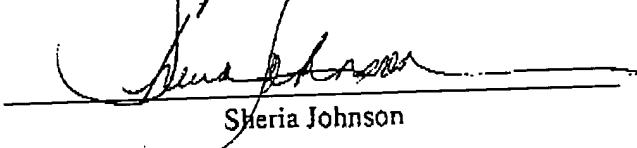
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this **Continued Prosecution Application Request Transmittal**, **Check for \$265.00** and **Check for \$370.00** are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail in an envelope addressed to: **Asst. Commissioner for Patents**, Washington, D.C. 20231 on **October 26, 2001**.


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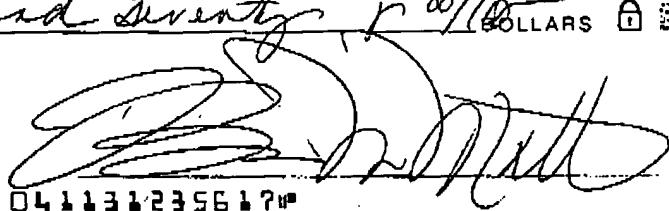
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